

In re: Nojima et al.  
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**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.  
Please amend the claims as follows:

1~7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A flue gas denitration catalyst obtained by preparing a mixture containing titanium dioxide and tungsten trioxide, and then supporting vanadium pentoxide on the surface of an extruded catalyst body or on a powder of the prepared mixture using a vapor phase method, wherein the vanadium pentoxide has a crystallite size of less than 8 nm or less as measured by X-ray diffraction.

9. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 8, which is obtained by supporting vanadium pentoxide on a powder of the prepared mixture using a vapor phase method, and by further having supporting said the resulting powder-supported on the surface of [[ a]] another formed product.

10. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 8, wherein titanium dioxide and tungsten trioxide in the mixture exists in the form of a complex oxide thereof.

11. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 8, wherein the supported amounts of vanadium pentoxide range from 0.4 to 5 wt.% based on the weight of [[ the]] a surface layer of the catalyst, which has a thickness of 200  $\mu$ m from its surface, and range from 0.1 to 0.9 wt.% based on the total weight of the catalyst.

12. (canceled)

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13. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 8, wherein the catalyst body has a honeycomb shape.

14. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 9, wherein the formed product has a honeycomb shape.

15. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 8, wherein the mixture further contains silicon dioxide.

16. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 15, wherein titanium dioxide, tungsten trioxide and silicon dioxide in the mixture exists in the form of a complex oxide thereof.

17. (currently amended) [[ A]] The flue gas denitration catalyst of claim 9, wherein the formed product contains titanium dioxide, tungsten trioxide and vanadium pentoxide.

18. (currently amended) A flue gas denitration catalyst comprising titanium dioxide, tungsten trioxide and vanadium pentoxide, wherein vanadium pentoxide is supported on a carrier containing titanium dioxide and tungsten trioxide in[[ the]] a surface layer of the catalyst, which has a thickness of 200  $\mu$ m from its surface,[[ ;]] wherein the supported amounts of vanadium pentoxide range from 0.4 to 5 wt.% based on the weight of the surface layer and range from 0.1 to 0.9 wt.% based on the total weight of the catalyst,[[ ;]] and wherein vanadium pentoxide thus supported has a crystallite size of less than 8 nm as measured by X-ray diffraction.